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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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**For: Bidder-Side Auction Dynamic Pricing  
Agent, System, Method and Computer  
Program Product (As Amended)****RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed November 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1, 7, 8, 14-17, drawn to a method for automating an interaction between a bidder and an electronic, variable, dynamic, pricing online service. Applicant amends claims 2, 4, 6, 9-11, and 13 to depend from claim 1. Applicant further adds new claims 18-21, and 22 dependent from claim 1, as well as new claim 23 commensurate in scope to claim 1.

As claims 2-6, 9-12, 13, 18-22, now ultimately depend from claim 1, and since system claim 22 is commensurate in scope to method claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims also be included in Group I. The election is made with traverse on the grounds that a search of all groups could be performed without undue burden on the part of the examiner.

Please find an amendment to the title on page 2 below.

Please find a listing of the amended claims beginning on page 3 below.

Please find remarks beginning at page 24 below.

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